

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, AUGUST 1, 1963.

The Board of Public Works held a Special Meeting in the Office of the Governor, State Office Building, Baltimore, Maryland, on Thursday, August 1, 1963.

There were present:

J. Millard Tawes, Governor
Louis L. Goldstein, Comptroller
John A. Luetkemeyer, Treasurer.

Also attending the meeting were:

Mr. James G. Rennie, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement
Mr. Albert P. Backhaus, Director, Department of Public Improvements
Mr. Russell H. McCain, Executive Assistant to the Governor.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY, MINES AND WATER RESOURCES:

The Governor stated that the Johns Hopkins University requires the space presently being used by the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources at that school. However, the University desires to have these offices continued on its Campus. Dr. Milton E. Eisenhower, President of the Johns Hopkins University, had advised the Governor of their desire to keep the Department on the Campus and would allow the State to erect a building on the Campus grounds under a 99-year lease. This building, estimated to cost 1/2 million dollars, would be for the use of the State of Maryland only, with no cost for the land.

During the discussion, it was brought out that the Johns Hopkins University is the only school in the area with a Geology Department, complete Geological Library facilities, a Water Department, and other facilities which are helpful to the Maryland Department of Geology, Mines, and Water Resources. It was also pointed out that the work of the Department had not been kept on a current basis due to the illness of the former Director of the Department, who was also an employee of the University. Mr. Rennie pointed out that the Department is to have a full-time Director. The applicant being considered for this position would devote his entire time to the work of the Department and would not be working part-time for the University.

It was also stated that although there would be value to the State in having such a building on the Homewood Campus, particularly due to the privilege of using the facilities of Hopkins University, Dr. Eisenhower had been informed the State would have to investigate the situation thoroughly, and there was a possibility the Department would be moved to State-owned property.

As a result of these discussions, the Governor appointed the following Committee to investigate the entire situation with regard to the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources, and present a report as soon as possible:

Mr. James J. O'Donnell - Director, State Planning Department - Chairman
Mr. James G. Rennie - Director, Department of Budget and Procurement
Mr. Joseph H. Manning - Director, Department of Tidewater Fisheries
Mr. Andrew Heubeck, Jr., - Secretary to the Board of Public Works
Senator William S. James - President of the Senate of Maryland
Mr. Edmund Mester - Executive Assistant to the Governor
Mr. Albert P. Backhaus - Director, Department of Public Improvements,
to act as Consultant.

COLONIAL PIPELINE COMPANY:

The Secretary presented to the Board for approval, a right-of-entry document which would authorize the Colonial Pipeline Company to enter onto the Potomac and Susquehanna Rivers, including the beds thereof, for the purpose of constructing one (1) 32-inch pipeline in the bed of the Potomac River, and one (1) 30-inch pipeline in the bed of the Susquehanna River. The exact locations were approved by the Department of Geology, Mines and Water Resources of the State of Maryland and the United States Corps of Engineers. The right-of-entry to be granted the Company shall be without prejudice to the right of the Board of Public Works to approve a final agreement between the parties, including the right to approve an adequate consideration.

The Governor and the Treasurer voted to grant this right-of-entry; the State Comptroller voted against the question. The right-of-entry agreement was executed by the Governor and the Treasurer.

GENERAL EMERGENCY FUND:

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement, the Board approved the following allotment from the 1964 General Emergency Fund:

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Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations - \$26,500 to create five additional positions under the provisions of Chapter 318 of the Acts of 1963 (Senate Bill 355), to intensify the work being done by the commission and to carry out the provisions of Chapters 227 and 228 of the Acts of 1963.

LEASES:

Upon the recommendation of the Department of Budget and Procurement, the Board approved execution of the following lease for the agency indicated:

Department of Correction - new lease with Maryland Realty Company, Lessor, covering bays Nos. 1 through 7 on ground floor of building at 600 North Fallsview, Baltimore 2, Maryland, effective for a term of two (2) years from August 1, 1963, at an annual rental of \$12,600.00.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE:

1- Mr. Rennie brought to the attention of the Board, the provisions of House Joint Resolution No. 4 of the 1963 Session of the Legislature relating to the organization and duties of the State Department of Public Welfare. Under this Resolution, the Board of Public Works is requested to employ professional consultants to make a detailed study of the operations of this Department; and to make the results of such study available to the General Assembly at the beginning of the 1964 Legislative Session.

In view of the fact that this Department will have a new Director within the next few weeks, it was felt he should have an opportunity to become acquainted with the problems of the Department before any action was taken by the Board of Public Works as to this Resolution. Mr. Rennie was requested to discuss this matter with the new Director and then to present the matter to the Board of Public Works at a later date.

2- At the request of the Subcommittee of the Legislative Council, which Committee is headed by Senator George E. Snyder, this Special Meeting of the Board of Public Works was called to discuss the problems raised by the members of the Legislature in connection with the housing of certain of the boys from the Maryland Training School for Boys in the Annex to the former John Walter Smith Building on the grounds of Victor Cullen State Hospital. Appearing before the Board at today's meeting were:

Senator George Snyder, Chairman

Senator John Derr

Senator George Hughes

Delegate William Houck

Delegate Irwin Hoffman

Mr. James J. O'Donnell, Director, State Planning Department

Mr. James G. Rennie, Director, Department of Budget and Procurement

Mr. James P. Slicher, Chief of the Budget Bureau

Mr. Albert P. Backhaus, Director of the Department of Public Improvements

Dr. J. Whitridge, Chief, Bureau of Preventive Medicine, State Department of Health

Dr. Leon Hetherington, Chief, Bureau of Tuberculosis, State Department of Health

Mr. Robert Israel, State Department of Health

Mr. C. W. Gaines, Bureau of Management, State Department of Health

Miss Elizabeth Smith, Acting Director of the State Department of Public

Mr. David L. Curran, State Department of Public Welfare

In opening the meeting, the Governor pointed out that the State was confronted with an emergency and that it was on the basis of this emergency and of time running out on the funds appropriated that the Board at its June meeting confirmed the approval previously given for award of contract for work on the Annex to the former John Walter Smith Building, with the idea that this building could be used to house some thirty (30) boys.

Speaking for the Subcommittee of The Legislative Council, Senator Snyder referred to Senate Joint Resolution No. 24 which requested The Legislative Council to determine the most feasible future use of Victor Cullen State Hospital. Senator Snyder also referred to the work which his Committee has done and the various meetings held with State Departments as to the continued use of the hospital. The controversy concerned itself with whether or not the figures of the State Department of Health are accurate; whether or not the Hospital could be used for hospital purposes in the event it was phased out as

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a tuberculosis hospital; and whether or not it was good or bad to house delinquent boys so close to tubercular patients who are said to have an alcohol problem in addition to their other illness.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject, the Governor requested Mr. O'Donnell, Mr. Backhaus, Mr. Curran, and Miss Smith to meet with him immediately after the meeting so that they could consider any other possible solution to the problem of the crowded conditions in the training schools.

A transcript of the discussions at the meeting today is in the files of the Board of Public Works.

DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS AND PARKS:

At its meeting of April 3, 1963, the Board approved the acquisition of 584 acres, more or less, owned by Point Lookout Association, Inc., by the Department of Forests and Parks for the use of Point Lookout State Park, at a cost of \$230,000.00. In a further discussion of this matter, Attorney General Thomas B. Finan appeared before the Board at its meeting today. He stated that although the State has executed the necessary option for this property, his office has been concerned about certain encumbrances which came to light during the title search made on this property. He further stated that while these appear to be substantial, initially, as time has gone on, the State Law Department is prepared to give the Department of Forests and Parks a letter advising that although they appear to encumber the property to a limited degree, these encumbrances would not be fatal to the property for the purpose which it is being acquired. And, if the Department of Forests and Parks were to purchase the entire tract, these problems would automatically be solved. It is felt that in the meantime a working agreement can be reached with the property owners as to these encumbrances. Whereupon, the State Comptroller moved that the State of Maryland proceed with the purchase of the Point Lookout property. This motion was seconded by Mr. Luetkemeyer, and adopted by the Board.

DEPARTMENT OF TIDEWATER FISHERIES:

The Secretary presented request of the Department of Tidewater Fisheries for permission to take certain fish from the Chesapeake Bay for purposes of study and experimentation. The Board authorized the Department to dispose of these fish in any way the Department desires. Any funds recovered for the disposition of such fish are to be used as an off-set to the cost of the project.

ASSATEAGUE ISLAND:

The Governor reported that the members of the Board, accompanied by various other State Officials, met in Washington, D. C. on Thursday, July 31, 1963, with members of the Maryland delegation in Congress, to discuss the situations with regard to the development of Assateague Island. In accordance with the agreements between the members of the Board, the Department of the Interior and the Maryland members of Congress, August 15, 1963 has been set as the date for a Public Hearing at which all interested persons and groups may appear and state their views on the matter.

Thereupon, the Governor appointed a Committee composed of:

Mr. Joseph Buscher - Special Assistant Attorney General, State Roads
Commission
Mr. James J. O'Donnell - Director, State Planning Department
Mr. Andrew Heubeck, Jr., - Secretary, Board of Public Works

to make the necessary arrangements for this Public Hearing. The Board approved the suggestion made by the State Comptroller that a tape recording be made of the proceedings.

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RESOLUTION:

Upon motion made by Governor Tawes and seconded by Mr. Goldstein, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, HOOPER S. MILES has distinguished himself as a lawyer, legislator, author, civic leader and statesman, industrialist and banker, and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly of Maryland, reposing special trust and confidence in the integrity, prudence and ability of HOOPER S. MILES, elected him to the constitutional office of Treasurer of the State of Maryland for seven (7) consecutive four-year terms, totaling a period of twenty-eight (28) years, and involving service to the State under the administrations of four (4) different Governors of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, HOOPER S. MILES, during his long tenure as Treasurer of the State of Maryland, served ex officio as a member of the Board of Public Works of the State of Maryland, discharging the duties of this high office with great fidelity and zeal for the interest and advantage of all the citizens of Maryland, and

WHEREAS, HOOPER S. MILES, by virtue of his contributions to the welfare of the people and of the State of Maryland, is deserving of the highest tribute and esteem of all his fellow citizens and Marylanders:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by We, the Undersigned, for ourselves and for and on behalf of all the people and citizens of the State of Maryland, that in recognition and grateful appreciation of the invaluable and faithful services so diligently rendered by HOOPER S. MILES to the people and to the State of Maryland, both as Treasurer of the State and as a member of the Board of Public Works, the said HOOPER S. MILES is hereby designated, awarded and commissioned an Honorary Adviser to the Board of Public Works, with full privileges to attend any and all meetings of said Board, as he may from time to time see fit, it being the hope of said Board that the demonstrated wisdom of the said HOOPER S. MILES will, in such honorary capacity, remain available to the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have caused these presents to be made and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland to be hereon affixed in the Capital City of Annapolis, this 1st day of August, in the Year of our Lord, 1963.

J. Millard Tawes
Governor of Maryland

Louis L. Goldstein
Comptroller of the Treasury

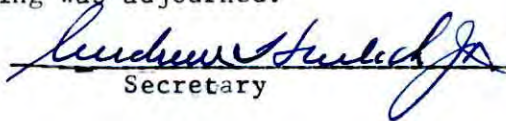
Attest:

John A. Luetkemeyer
Treasurer

Andrew Heubeck, Jr.
Secretary

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.


Secretary